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For: THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION  
HAVING EXCELLENT SLIDING PROPERTIES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 15, 2002

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/06002 which has an International filing date of July 11, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

Please amend the paragraph abridging pages 2 and 3 as follows:

--Therefore, the present applicant proposes in JP-A-11-5912/1999 a resin composition for molding prepared by adding a specific liquid oxidation modified ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer to polyacetal resins, ABS resins or thermoplastic polyester resins. Further, the present applicant proposes in JP-A-5-5912/1999 a resin composition for molding prepared by adding a liquid oxidation modified ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer to polyacetal resins, ABS resins or thermoplastic polyester resins. Furthermore, the present applicant proposes in JP-A-11-71439/1999 a resin composition for molding prepared by adding a graft modified copolymer obtainable by graft polymerization of a carboxylic acid monomer and/or a hydroxy group-containing ethylene unsaturated monomer on an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer, to polyacetal resins, ABS resins or thermoplastic polyester resins.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the thermoplastic aromatic polyester resin component (A) is polybutylene terephthalate.

5. (Amended) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the liquid ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer component (C) is a liquid ethylene/propylene copolymer.

Please add the following new claims:

6. (New) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3 wherein the thermoplastic aromatic polyester resin component (A) is polybutylene terephthalate.

7. (New) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3 wherein the liquid ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer component (C) is a liquid ethylene/propylene copolymer.

8. (New) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4 wherein the liquid ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer component (C) is a liquid ethylene/propylene copolymer.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The specification has also been amended to correct a typographical error.

The amendment to the claims is merely to correct improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Therefore, the present applicant proposes in [JP-A-5-JP-5912/1993]~~JP-A-5-5912/1999~~ a resin composition for molding prepared by adding a specific liquid oxidation modified ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer to polyacetal resins, ABS resins or thermoplastic polyester resins. Further, the present applicant proposes in JP-A-11-5912/1999 a resin composition for molding prepared by adding a liquid oxidation modified ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer to polyacetal resins, ABS resins or thermoplastic polyester resins. Furthermore, the present applicant proposes in JP-A-11-71439/1999 a resin composition for molding prepared by adding a graft modified copolymer obtainable by graft polymerization of a carboxylic acid monomer and/or a hydroxy group-containing ethylene unsaturated monomer on an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer, to polyacetal resins, ABS resins or thermoplastic polyester resins.

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The thermoplastic resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 3]claim 1 or 2 wherein the thermoplastic aromatic polyester resin component ~~[[A]]~~(A) is polybutylene terephthalate.

5. (Amended) The thermoplastic resin composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 4]claim 1 or 2 wherein the liquid ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin random copolymer component ~~[[C]]~~(C) is a liquid ethylene/propylene copolymer.

New claims 6-8 are added.

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